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For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS  
FOR INCREASING  
PERMEABILITY OF WRAPPERS  
OF ROD-SHAPED ARTICLES



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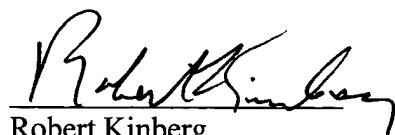
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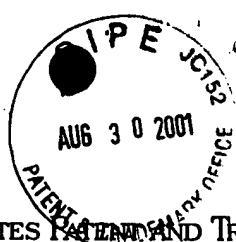
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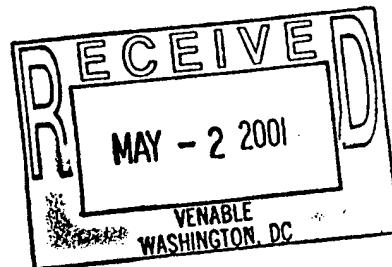
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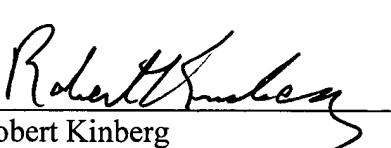
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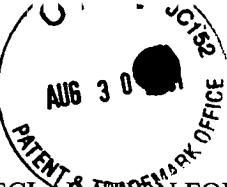
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Attached is a supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney in which priority is claimed under 35 USC §119 with respect to German applications 100 04 906.0 and 100 04 908.7, both filed February 4, 2000.

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Prior Foreign Application Number	Country	Foreign Filing Date	Priority Claim?
100 04 906.0	GERMANY	February 4, 2000	Yes
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